

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested for claims 30-60.

Initially, the undersigned wishes to thank Examiners Davis and Yuan for their time, attention, and consideration during the interview that was conducted on February 16, 2010.

Claims 30-43, 47-51, and 59-60 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,4587,479 to *Ren et al.* (*Ren et al.* '479). Claims 44-46 and 52-58 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Ren et al.* '479 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,296,964 to *Ren*.

During the interview, it was agreed that an amendment to claim 30 to clarify that the outlet region is separate from the inlet region would overcome the grounds for rejection. Claim 30 has been so amended and withdrawal of the rejections is cordially urged.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims, claims 30-60, are in condition for allowance. Allowance is cordially urged.

To the extent that any extensions of time are necessary in connection with this application it is requested that there be a standing petition for extension of time and that any additional fees that are required, or refunds due, in connection with this or any other paper filed in connection with this application be charged to Deposit Account 503015.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues, please  
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